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PATENT APPLICATION

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Examiner: Thomas, Toniae M.

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For: **Cleaning Solution and Method for Selectively Removing Layer in a Silicidation Process**

Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Office Action mailed on July 7, 2005, Applicants provisionally elect for prosecution, with traverse, claims 1-6 and 11-34, which correspond to claim Group I and Species A.

Applicants acknowledge that upon the allowance of a generic claim, Applicants will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 C.F.R. §1.141.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.8(a)

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However, as set forth in MPEP § 803, if the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though the application contains claims to independent and distinct inventions. In the case at bar, while the different claim Species may be distinct, it is respectfully submitted that simultaneous examination will not present a *serious* burden. Indeed, the inventions of claims 1-6 and 11-34 (Species A) and claims 7-10 (Species B) include subject matters that are related to the extent that all claims would undoubtedly be commonly classified. As such, it is respectfully submitted that there would be no burden, much less a serious burden, on Examiner to simultaneously examination commonly classified claims. Under such circumstances, it is respectfully requested that Examiner maintain at least all Group I claims for species A and B (claims 1-34) in the same application.

Respectfully submitted,



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